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SUBJECT: TWO MORE ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL CABINET-LEVEL MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR. THEY ARE MOHYUDDIN BALUCH, ADVISOR ON COMMUNICATIONS, AND GUL MOHAMMAD KHAN JOGEZAI, ADVISOR ON WATER AND POWER.

2. THE THIRTY-FIVE YEAR OLD BALUCH IS THE SON-IN-LAW OF THE FORMER BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER, JAM QADIR, AND SON OF THE LATE KHAN OF KALAT, FORMERLY THE GOVERNOR OF BALUCHISTAN. BALUCH SERVED AS POLITICAL SECRETARY TO HIS FATHER. HE JOINED THE PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY (PPP) IN 1974, STOOD FOR THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PPP TICKET IN THE MARCH 1977 POLLS AND WAS ELECTED UNOPPOSED AS THE OPPOSITION BOYCOTTED THE ELECTIONS IN BALUCHISTAN. BALUCH TRAVELLED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1976 AS A MEMBER
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OF PAKISTAN'S DELEGATION TO THE UN.

3. GUL MOHAMMAD KHAN JOGEZAI, BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014] IN ORALAI DISTRICT, BRINGS TO HIS NEW JOB AS WATER AND POWER ADVISOR A REPUTATION AS A PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURIST. HE HAS USED MODERN AGRICULTURAL METHODS TO DEVELOP HIS LANDS IN BALUCHISTAN AND WAS REPORTEDLY THE FIRST MAJOR

LANDOWNER FROM THAT PROVINCE TO USE TUBE WELLS. JOGEZAI IS A
PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE KAKAR TRIBE.

4. COMMENT: THE APPOINTMENTS FILL OUT THE ZIA "CABINET"
AND IMPROVE ITS REGIONAL BALANCE BY ADDING TWO REPRESENTATIVES
FROM BALUCHISTAN AT A TIME WHEN THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION
IS MOVING, WITH SOME SUCCESS, TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION THERE BY
SHOWING SOME SYMPATHY FOR BALUCHI ASPIRATIONS. BALUCH, BECAUSE
OF HIS FAMILY, HAS SOME ADDED VALUE, BUT NEITHER HE NOR JOGEZAI
ADD MUCH EXPERTISE TO THE "CABINET." JOGEZAI FITS THE TECHNOCRAT
IMAGE OF MANY OTHER APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; BALUCH'S
KNOWLEDGE OF OR INTEREST IN COMMUNICATIONS IS UNKNOWN.
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